



## AMENDMENT

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| Application #  | 09/818,140                 |
| Confirmation # | 3069                       |
| Filing Date    | 03/27/2001                 |
| First Inventor | SMITH                      |
| Art Unit       | 2173                       |
| Examiner       | C. Nguyen                  |
| Docket #       | P1182US02 (P08262US00/RFH) |

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2004:

A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

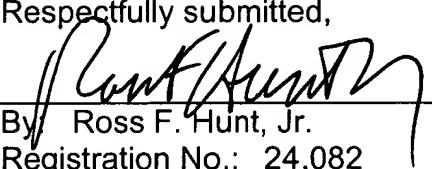
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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